



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of **Halseth et al**

Application No. 09/786,398

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For: FLUID INFUSION DEVICE WITH RETRACTABLE NEEDLE

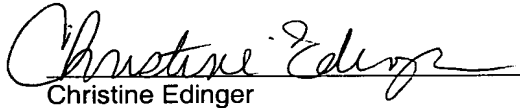
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§1.312 AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously amended) A medical device configured for connection with an infusion device, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a needle projecting forwardly from the housing;
 - a biasing element biasing the needle rearwardly;
 - a needle retainer releasably retaining the needle against the bias of the biasing element;
 - a Y-port slidably displaceable within the housing, comprising:
 - a first conduit in fluid communications with the needle; and
 - a second conduit transverse the first conduit, in fluid communication